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1. Within the last week the SED and the FDGB organized a series of meetings which members of the Soviet Sector Police were ordered to attend en masse. All of these meetings were addressed by at least one leading SED functionary and ended with a "unanimous" resolution against the reactionary police leadership in the western sectors, usually mentioning by name the Acting Vice President, Stumm. A typical meeting took place on 28 June at Fichte-Heim, Baumschulenweg. All members of the Treptow Inspectorate not actually on duty were ordered to attend. The resolution, [REDACTED] compared American police methods with those of Hitler storm troops in 1933, condemned the suppression of the FDGB in the US Sector, and demanded the removal of reactionary circles who obtained leading positions in the western sector police. Hans Kanig was specifically mentioned and the resolution stated that "democratic" Volkspolizei should not be expected to obey reactionary leaders. [REDACTED] Comment: For further details on the Kanig affair, see [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. The largest meeting to date was held in the Friedrichstadt Palast on 29 June. The feature speaker was Hermann Matern, who demanded the withdrawal of the western police from Berlin, the abolition of sector boundaries, and purge of capitalist "traitors", etc. The police were told that withdrawal of the Western Powers will impose heavy burdens and the "democratic" police will have to prevent anticipated sabotage of installations by "reactionaries". Resignation of the present city administration was also demanded. 25X1A
3. [REDACTED] the above is preparatory to utilizing the police in the forcible removal of legitimate city authorities and/or seizure of public utilities, at least in the Soviet Sector. 25X1A

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